To Whom It May Concern:

I am parent whose son attends an FRC preschool program in Plymouth, CT. I am a mother of three young children that will benefit from the programs FRC has implemented in my town. While searching for a pre-school for my son last year the most logical choice was FRC held at Plymouth Center School for a variety of reasons.

First, they offered a full day program, which many preschools around us did not. As a high school teacher and an Operations Manager, my husband and I work full time. The times are convenient and he is in a structured learning environment with curriculum during those times as opposed to a preschool setting in a daycare.

Secondly, the program takes place in the elementary school that my children will be attending. Not only is this about location, it is about familiarity with the school and the staff for me and my children. He is getting to know the building and environment he will be in before he enters kindergarten, which to me is extremely beneficial in terms of transition.

Lastly, the staff and genuine care and learning my son has received from this program. He comes home reciting word for words songs he has learned, he is interacting with other children his age in a structured environment which has helped build his sense of confidence and has taught him how to deal with all kinds of emotions. He is comfortable there and in return I am comfortable sending him there. In our current society that is extremely important. Not only do they genuinely care for the children they serve, but they incorporate family and community. They often hold events within the school day that a parent/adult can attend or evening activities that build relationships.

I strongly advocate that these programs remain funded. It would be doing a great disservice to the communities and children it serves.

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